



Oakland Park Announces Summer Food Service Program

The City of Oakland Park will once again offer a Summer Food Service Program administered by the Parks and Leisure Services Department.

The Summer Food Service Program will provide nutritionally balanced meals at no cost to children under the age of 18 and runs from June 13 through August 12.

The City's Summer Food Service program sites are the Collins Community Center, North Andrews Gardens Community Center, Spiher Recreation Center and the Camp Olympiad Program. In addition, City staff anticipates students attending Mt Zion AME Church summer camp program

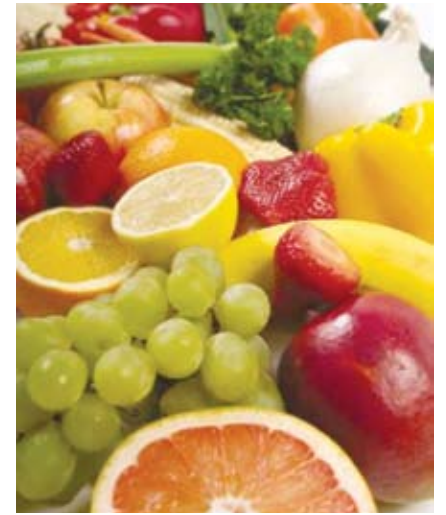
to participate as well. Harris Chapel is not holding a summer program and will not be a host site this year, but parents are invited to call the City to identify other Summer Food Service program locations.

"In these difficult economic times, it is important for our City to provide this Summer Food Service Program to our residents," said Mayor Suzanne Boisvenue. "Many of these children would go hungry without this service and nutritious meals will help to ensure their growth and development."

Lunches will be served weekdays from Noon to 1 p.m. with an afternoon snack available between 3 and 4 p.m.

Oakland Park is eligible to participate in the Summer Food Service Program based upon the location of the City's summer camp sites and the proximity to public schools. The programs are only approved for geographical areas of need where 50 percent or more of the children qualify for free and reduced price meals during the school year.

This program is made available by the State of Florida, Department of Education. The City will be fully reimbursed for the cost of all meals. For more information, please call the City's Parks and Leisure Services Department at **954-630-4500**.



PROJECT UPDATES



Coral Lakes/Cherry Creek Dredging Project

This dredging project has been substantially completed 34 days ahead of schedule and approximately \$30,000 under budget. All parties have expressed satisfaction with the project, including City staff, consultants, permitting agencies and **especially the Community Advisory Group representatives who attended all construction progress meetings, closely monitored the work of the contractor and were extremely**

involved providing input throughout the entire process. A final site meeting was held with the Community Advisory Group (in photo) at the NE 38 Street bridge on June 9.

NW 39th Street Greenway Project

The design of this project has been revised to eliminate the canoe and kayak launch, gazebo and trellises to address the concerns expressed by neighboring residents. The installation of bollard lighting for the illumination of the multipurpose pathway has been included in the project as a bid alternative that will only be installed if it is within the available budget. This revised design has been submitted to the Florida Department of Transportation for review to secure the Local Agency Program (LAP) agreement which will fund the project. As soon as this LAP agreement is approved and executed, the City will be able to let the project out to bid.

IDENTIFYING PROPERTIES WITH CURRENT CODE VIOLATIONS

The City's Code Compliance Division staff recently began installing small signs at properties that have violations issued and fines accruing, but have not had any attempt at compliance. The Code office often receives complaints on properties currently in violation and these signs are a tool to inform the public that the property has violations issued and are awaiting compliance.

The role of Code Enforcement is to inform the property owner that there is a violation on the property, identify the violation, means of correction and a compliance deadline. The Code Enforcement Board or Special Magistrate usually provides additional compliance time if it's not a repeat violation, a violation that is irreparable or one that is a threat to the safety or health of the public.

The Code Enforcement Board or Special Magistrate also levies and certifies fines and can certify the property as a threat to the public health, safety and welfare. If the property is certified a threat to the public health, safety and welfare it is then presented to the City Commission for approval to have funds used to clear the property of the threat to the public. The signs are utilized on properties staff cannot gain access to clear, have difficulty in establishing ownership or are not within the City's budget to clear.



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City Commission Meetings, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. Agendas and Backup on-line at www.oaklandparkfl.org. Call the Office of the City Clerk at 954-630-4300 for meeting information.

Florida Neighborhoods Conference

Attention Oakland Park residents: Don't miss the opportunity of attending the 2011 Florida Neighborhoods Conference. This year's conference will take place right here in Broward County at the Hyatt Pier 66 on SE 17 Street in Fort Lauderdale. Oakland Park will be featured on an offsite tour, *The City of Oakland Park: Our Identity Reclaimed*. The conference will take place July 7 – 9 and is loaded with fun and educational sessions that will provide residents with ideas and instruction on how they can help make their community a better place to live, work and play. For more information, including requesting a partial City scholarship on your registration fee, please contact Director of Parks and Leisure Services Jenna LaFleur at 954-630-4500. The registration form and the entire conference book can be viewed on the City's website: www.oaklandparkfl.org

Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Schedule

- **July 13, 2011** - Budget Workshop
- **July 20, 2011** - Regularly Scheduled City Commission Meeting (Adoption of preliminary millage rate and preliminary assessment rates for Fire, Solid Waste, and Stormwater)
- **August 31, 2011** - City Commission Meeting (August 3 and August 17 meetings canceled)
- **September 7, 2011** - Regularly Scheduled City Commission Meeting (Tentative millage rate and tentative budget adopted)
- **September 12, 2011** - Special Meeting of City Commission (Public hearing to adopt Fire, Solid Waste, and Stormwater assessments)
- **September 21, 2011** - Regularly Scheduled City Commission Meeting (Final adoption of the millage rate and City budget)

Students of the Quarter Recognized by City Commission



The "Student of the Quarter" is a City of Oakland School Advisory Board initiative that honors and recognizes students from area schools that exemplify the characteristics of academic achievement, positive attitude, model behavior and attendance. The following students were selected by their teachers and recognized with a Certificate of Achievement at a recent City Commission meeting:

- Kiara Z. - Lloyd Estates Elementary 5th Grade
- Gabriella A. - North Andrews Gardens Elementary 5th Grade
- Mardochee J. - Oakland Park Elementary 5th Grade
- Marie C. - Northeast High Senior

Also recognized, but unable to attend, was Isabella M., a 5th grade student from Floranada Elementary.

Goodwill Opens New Store on Oakland Park Boulevard

Goodwill Industries of South Florida recently opened a new store at 1099 E. Oakland Park Boulevard. The Oakland Park location features a contemporary design scheme with modern new fixtures and signage. The merchandise is categorized by size, type and color. "Because of the displays and the quality of the merchandise, you'll have to go outside and double check the sign to make sure you're in a thrift store," stated Goodwill President and CEO Dennis Pastriana. "Our goal is to go beyond our customer's expectation in thrift store shopping. We want to raise the standard." The new store is nearly 25,000-square-feet and employs approximately 40 people. Pictured left to right at the Grand Opening are Mayor Suzanne Boisvenue, Pastriana and Oakland Park Main Street Executive Director Siegi Constantine.



Parks and Leisure News & Notes

Annual Fathers' Day Weekend Fishing Tournament – June 18

Come join the Parks and Leisure Services staff for the 4th Annual **Fathers' Day Fishing Tournament** at Royal Palm Park on **June 18** beginning at 7 a.m. All ages welcome for this **free** event. Trophies will be awarded for the biggest fish caught, most fish caught and the casting contest winners. Refreshments will be available. For more information please call **954-630-4507**.

Garden Club Meeting Scheduled for June 21

The Oakland Park Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday June 21 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the City's Jaco Pastorius Park Community Center, 1098 NE 40 Court. The featured speaker will be Alan Chin Le from "Butterfly World" who will deliver a presentation on "Butterflies and Insects." For more information on the Oakland Park Garden Club, please call **954-564-3259**.

Oakland Park Library

The City is pleased to announce the Oakland Park Library's new employee Myrtle Joseph. Myrtle is bi-lingual and her first project at the Library has been to update the collection of Spanish language materials. She has formed a partnership with staff from the Hispanic Unity Citizenship class that is held at the Library on Thursday evenings and has used their suggestions and input to guide us in materials selection. Myrtle also used the input of our Spanish speaking patrons to guide her in updating the Library's collection.



Historical Society to Celebrate City's Birthday



The Oakland Park Society invites everyone to join the City's 82nd Birthday celebration on Friday, July 1 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Tequila Sunrise restaurant, 4711 North Dixie Highway. This special birthday event will feature musical entertainment by former Oakland Park resident Darrell House who has composed a special song in tribute to the City. Appetizers, birthday cake and soft drinks will be served. For more information on the Oakland Park Historical Society, please call 954-254-0295.



Polynesian Cultural Festival Entertains Enthusiastic Crowd



The City of Oakland Park and the Polynesian Culture Association hosted the 8th Annual Polynesian Cultural Festival at Jaco Pastorius Park on Sunday May 15. The cloudy morning gave way to beautiful sunshine for the entire day as a crowd of over 600 people enjoyed the culture and beauty of the Polynesian Islands courtesy of Tama Leao's Polynesian Productions. Fire dancers, exotic hula dancers and Polynesian drums highlighted the day's entertainment. Former World Wrestling Federation Tag Team Champions **The Wild Samoans** were on hand enjoying the event. Current Miami Dolphin star **Paul Soliai** served as master chef at the barbecue grill. Delicious Polynesian Island food and exotic refreshments were available, as well as many authentic South Pacific Arts and Crafts. The Polynesian Cultural Festival has quickly become a crowd favorite in Oakland Park and is sure to continue entertaining the growing audience.



BSO Presents Community Service Award to Local Student

BSO Sheriff Al Lamberti recently presented three local senior students from area high schools with the Sheriff's 5-Point Community Service Award. The award is based on the "five points" of Leadership, Volunteerism, Dedication, Citizenship and Responsibility. One of the three recipients was Northeast High School student Juan Diaz. The presentation was held in the multi-media room of the BSO



Public Safety Building. This is the first time that Sheriff Lamberti has presented this award. *In photo from left: Sheriff Al Lamberti, NE High School Student Juan Diaz, School Resource Deputy Robert Martinez and BSO/Oakland Park District Chief John S. Bukata.*

BSO Employee of the Month Sgt. Patrick Murray

BSO/Oakland Park District Sergeant Patrick Murray was recognized for his alert patrol practices and superior supervision which resulted in the apprehension of two individuals wanted for attempted murder in Lauderdale Lakes. Sergeant Murray modified his patrol practices to focus on areas where the suspects might be located. He stopped the suspects' vehicle and through excellent interrogation of the driver (brother of the suspect) he was able to effect the arrest of the suspects. In addition, just days later, Sergeant Murray searched for a suspect residential burglary vehicle that again led to the arrest of an individual. Shortly thereafter, Sergeant Murray took part in the apprehension and physical struggle with an individual who had just committed an armed carjacking within Oakland Park. In recognition of the level of excellence, professionalism and bravery displayed by Sergeant Murray we are pleased to present him with the honor of BSO Employee of the Month.

Certified Wildlife Habitat



This month's showcase "Certified Wildlife Habitat" property is a NE 40 Court residence. To learn how to certify your property as a wildlife habitat through the National Wildlife Federation, (NWF) pick up an application at Parks and Leisure Services Department, located at City Hall, 3650 NE 12 Avenue, or visit the NWF website at: www.nfw.org/certify

Hurricane/Flood Information

Hurricanes

Hurricane Season officially starts June 1st and lasts until November 1st. Category ratings, which are determined by the highest (not average) wind speed, include:

- Category 1 . . . 74 to 95 mph
- Category 2 . . . 96 to 110 mph
- Category 3 . . . 111 to 130 mph
- Category 4 . . . 131 to 155 mph
- Category 5 . . . 156 + greater

A Hurricane Watch indicates that a hurricane is expected to fall on land within 36 hours. A Warning means landfall is expected within 24 hours.

Flood Safety Checklist

WELL BEFORE:

- Tree pruning and trimming may lessen the possibility of uprooting.

JUST BEFORE:

- Stock up on drinking water (at least one quart per person per day) and nonperishable food supplies.
- Relocate furniture/appliances off the floor.
- Pick up all loose debris and objects around your home. Bring exterior furniture and potted plants, etc. indoors.
- Turn the refrigerator to the coldest setting.
- Place your valuables in watertight containers.
- Check on the elderly, disabled, or others who may need assistance.
- Turn off all utilities at the main switch.

DURING:

- Confine your pets to an area that is not flooded.
- For information on where to board your pets, visit: <http://www.broward.org/Hurricane/>
- Watch where you step in a flooded structure as unseen debris can cause injury.
- Stay indoors until the official "all clear" is given.

AFTER:

- Do not drive or walk through flooded areas if the water is above your knees. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else.
- Do not turn electricity back on if you see downed power lines, or until you receive confirmation from FPL.
- Do not use appliances that became wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned, and thoroughly dried.

Evacuation

Although Florida's Emergency Management System has been recognized as the best in the nation, concern was created by Hurricane Floyd, when two (2) million people tried to evacuate.

The City of Oakland Park is
located outside of any evacuation zones.